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prosthesis, wherein the femur includes an intramedullary canal defined by an interior wall of cortical bone, the instrument comprising:

a handle joined to a proximal end of an elongated rod [which is] sized to be received within said canal; and

means [provided] fixed at a distal end of the rod, and projecting outwardly in opposing directions from the rod in planar relationship, (for engaging the interior wall of the cortical bone when said rod is inserted within the canal so as to center the rod relative to the wall.

Cancel Claim 6.

#### REMARKS

As requested by the Examiner, applicant confirms the election of the Group I claims (1-8) orally made in response to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

The Examiner has objected to informalities found at pages 5 and 7 of the disclosure. By this response, the specification has been amended to correct the deficiencies noted by the Examiner.

The objection to the drawings based on 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a) has been overcome by cancellation of Claim 6.

Claims 1, 2 and 4-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Patent 5,190,548 - Davis. In